I arrived this morning at nine.

29th. Your Emperor Alexander is as obstinate as a clam! —That infernal Spanish business is costing me dear!

October 1st. (To Alexander.) What you are suggesting I should do really represents a policy of concessions; if I adopted it, Europe would treat me like a little boy. Is it the act of a friend, of an ally, to propose that I should abandon the only position from which I can threaten Austria in flank if she should attack me while my troops are in the south of Europe ? If you absolutely insist on my evacuating (Prussia), I shall consent; but if I do, instead of going into Spain I shall settle Austria's business first.

3d. Erfurt is very brilliant.

5th. (To the Empress.) Conversations lasting whole days are not doing my cold much good. However, all is going well. I am pleased with Alexander, and he ought to be pleased with me: if he were a woman I think I could have him at my feet. I shall soon be back; take good care of yourself; I shall expect to find you plump and in good colour.

9th. I am just back from hunting over the battlefield of Jena. We breakfasted on the spot where I bivouacked.

I went to the ball at Weimar. The Emperor Alexander danced, but I didn't. Forty years of age are forty
years

12th. (Treaty of alliance.) His Majesty the Emperor of the French, King of Italy, and His Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, desirous of binding more closely